



The mission of Einstein Charter Schools is to nurture students to be academically strong as well as socially and emotionally resilient.

## **EGI Public Board Meeting Minutes**

**THE EINSTEIN GROUP, INC.**  
**4801 Maid Marion Drive**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana 70128**

The Board of Trustees of The Einstein Group will hold its **EGI Public Board Meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 18, 2024**. The meeting will be held in person in the library at **Sherwood Forest Elementary (4801 Maid Marion Drive, New Orleans, LA. 70128)**

Topic: **EGI Public Board Meeting - January**  
 Time: 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

### Board Meeting Agenda

- 1) Call to Order @ 6:15pm (starting discussion items without quorum)
  - a) Call to order with Quorum @ 6:40pm
- 2) Roll Call
  - Raymond Delaney (P)
  - Drew Thompson (P)
  - Angela Vance (P)
  - Joe Rochelle (P\*)
  - Maya Edwards (P)
  - Robbie Robertson (NP)
  - Durrell Laurent (NP)
  - Clarice Kirkland (NP)
  - Edwin Escobar (NP)

- 3) Adoption of November 2023 Public Meeting Minutes

Drew Thompson Motioned to approve minutes; Angela Vance seconded the motion

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1) **Academic Report - District and School Specific Academic Updates**
  - a) Instruction & PD
    - i) Next Network PD scheduled for 2/9/24
    - ii) Faculty Meetings scheduled for 2/5/25
  - b) Curriculum & Culture
    - i) Special Events at all schools
  - c) Achievement Data
    - i) Interim #2 Assessments completed at all schools
  - d) Report Cards
    - i) 3rd quarter progress reports - 2/2/24 (all schools)
  - e) VDLE school specific Updates and presentation of Benchmark 2 Data
- Board asked about student attendance and baseline date as determining factors
  - f) Sherwood school specific updates and presentation of Benchmark 2 Data
  - g) EMS school specific updates and presentation of Benchmark 2 Data
  - h) STR school specific updates and presentation of dual enrollment and certification data
    - i) Reed recognized by SUNO Trio Program
      - (1) Academic tutoring and engaging activities

- (2) School leader will give an assessment of progress with certifications at April board meeting
- Board Chair asked about steps taken to move the needle and increase proficiency percentages
- School leaders are requested to provide updates on student growth at the March 2024 board meeting
- Board Chair asked about the recognition of high performing teachers and opportunities of growth / succession planning
- Board asked about opportunities for self reflections and or self-evaluation opportunities for school-based staff

**2) Finance Report - Monthly Financial Statements**

- a) Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2024 = \$15,608,221
- b) Profit & Loss Budget VS. Actual as of November 30, 2024 = \$1,715,846
  - i) Sherwood Forest
  - ii) VDLE
  - iii) EMS
  - iv) STR
- c) Fundraising and Student Activity Accounts Balance as of November 30, 2024 = \$129,158.00
  - i) Fundraising Balance = \$6,827.67
  - ii) VDLE Net Operating Surplus = \$25,189.63
  - iii) STR Net Operating Surplus = \$29,853.73
  - iv) EMS Net Operating Surplus = \$34,092.82
  - v) Sherwood Net Operating Surplus = \$34,092.82
- Board asked if the principals are still engaged in the onset of the budget planning process

**3) Operations Report - Facilities and Operational Updates**

- a) NOLA-PS Facilities Projects Updates
  - i) Sarah T. Reed Mechanical Improvement work starting late-May (boilers and rooftop HVAC)
  - ii) Sarah T. Reed Door Project and VDLE roof project anticipated to start Summer 2024
  - iii) NOLA-PS Facilities Inspections Updates (Sarah T. Reed and Sherwood Forest)

**4) CEO Report - CEO Network Updates**

- a) Audits-NOLA-PS starting on January 25, 2024
  - i) SpEd Folders only (SF, VDLE, EMS)
  - ii) SpEd and HS Cum folders (HS)
- b) RTI/SPED/504/HS Cum Folders-Quality Assurance Audits
- Board Chair will complete audit late-April
- Provide 3- 7 days notice for Board Chair to sign high school diplomas
- CEO introduced Clint Baldwin joining the network fulltime
- c) Special Events
  - i) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Gardening Activity at Sherwood Forest
  - ii) Healthy Wealthy Wise Health Fair at Sarah T. Reed (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. & Omega Psi Phi)
  - iii) Christmas Celebrations -
    - (1) All Einstein staff received stipends which came directly from the LDOE State funding)
    - (2) Every student in the Einstein network received Christmas gifts (toys and gift cards)
  - iv) Leading with Love (New Initiative)
  - v) Brief Discussion around the crime in the neighborhoods
    - (1) NuVision works with schools delivering SEL
    - (2) Silverback Society will be working with high school student t

**5) Board of Directors Report- Board Communications**

- a) The board of Directors discussed the rescheduling of the postponed December board meeting in the month of February 2024  
February 22nd.

Raymond Delaney Motioned to move the rescheduled December meeting to February 22, 2024 ; Angela Vance seconded the motion

- b) Innovation TaskForce Updates

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) Resolution 01-18-24-1: Approval of the Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire  
aV motioned to approve; RD seconded

**Raymond Delaney motioned to adjourn at 7:22pm; Angela Vance seconded the motion**

**Public comments can be submitted in-person via public comment card. Public comments submitted prior to the start of a particular meeting will be addressed. Public comments can only be made on action items listed in the meeting agenda and will be limited to a maximum of 2 minutes per individual.**

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